GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:41
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2001
PURCHASE OF ITEMS BY NCCF
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many of the suppliers/dealers in the National Cooperative Consumers`Federation (NCCF) are not holding authorisation from the manufacturers but from the distributors of those manufacturers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this is against the established policy of the NCCF;

(d) the action the Government propose to take in the matter;

(e) whether there is any proposal to stop taking supplies from unauthorized dealers forthwith;

(f) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(g) the details of such dealers who have been giving their brand names, price of NCCF, price to Government departments with Maximum Retail Price thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (A) TO (G) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 41 FOR 23.2.2001.

NCCF arranges supplies for Government Departments after purchasing the goods from the manufacturers, distributors and dealers of different branded products, who are registered with it. The registration is done by the NCCF as per the guidelines framed by it from time to time. NCCF does not discriminate in the selection of suppliers-categorywise.The selection of a supplier, in respect of individual order from any Department is made on commercial considera tions only, from amongst the registered suppliers irrespective of category to which he belongs. While registering any supplier of a branded item, the linkage of such supplier with the manufacturer and/or with the distributor is verified on the basis of authority letters of manufacturer and/or distributor. Since all suppliers of branded items registered with NCCFare authorized either by the manufacturer and/or by the distributor and there being no unauthorized suppliers, the question to stop taking supplies from such suppliers does not arise. In view of this, the question of furnishing the details of such suppliers regarding their brand names, prices of NCCF as quoted to Government Departments, maximum retail priceetc. does not arise.

NCCF being a multi-State Cooperative Society, functioning on autonomous basis, underits own elected Board of Directors, Government does not interfere in the business matters of NCCF.